II. No. 7547

Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines Metro Manila Fighteenth Congress Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11735]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a satellite multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Batad, Province of Iloilo.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the establishment of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery.

The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Batad, Province of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The NIPSC shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the satellite hatchery.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Agriculture and the NIPSC shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery to the NIPSC.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved, President of the Senate

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LORD ALLAN YAN Q. VELASCO Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on September 16, 2020 and January 31, 2022, respectively.

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